

**Silver Spring Transportation Management District Advisory Committee
(SSTMD AC) Meeting Summary
February 12, 2009**

Item 1,2,3 – Introductions, Review of Minutes, Chair’s Comments: Minutes from the December and January minutes were approved without changes.

Committee Chair **Jim Polk** apprised the group of some ongoing issues regarding the new library, which will be at the corner of Wayne and Fenton. Design charettes were held and the County Executive picked a site design with the library facing Wayne Avenue. The design does not include parking; the Wayne Avenue garage will provide parking. The Executive recommended that a pedestrian bridge be constructed from the fourth floor of the garage to the third floor of the library to accommodate patrons using wheelchairs. The library can be entered from both Wayne and Fenton Avenues.

The Council generally concurred with the County Executive’s design selection, but asked that DOT look at the feasibility of a mid-block crossing on Wayne. At a meeting last week, DOT representatives indicated such a crossing was not feasible due to the high volume of traffic.

Mr. Polk said that it will be challenge to accommodate a trolley stop at the library when the Purple Line is constructed.

Item 4 - Police Activities Update: **Sgt. Tom Harmon** provided an update on the most recent crash report. **Sgt. Harmon** pointed out that the intersection at Colesville Rd and Georgia Ave is on the list of top call locations for crashes in the County. There were 21 crashes listed in the 4th Quarter of 2008. Not all are technically crashes – some are calls for service. This particular intersection is a growing problem. There was a significant pedestrian crash on January 19th; a woman struck a pedestrian and continued driving (apprehended). There were 92 citations written at the intersection in the past month.

There was a recent timing problem with the signals on Georgia, causing significant back ups at cross streets Wayne and Ellsworth. **Sgt. Harmon** has discussed the issue with **Bruce Mangum**, DOT Traffic Engineer, and there has been some improvement.

Sgt. Harmon described a recent pedestrian accident at the Colesville intersection. **Jim Carlson** stated that he had recently discussed the safety issue with SHA officials, who were in the process of altering the signal phasing so that pedestrians can cross Georgia before the left turn arrow from Colesville to Georgia turns green (vs. the current phasing, which allows left turns first from Colesville). This should help significantly by ensuring that most pedestrians waiting to cross Georgia will have gotten across before the left turn arrow appears.

Item 5 – Zipcar: **Ellice Perez**, Zipcar General Manager for the DC region, teleconferenced in and gave a brief background about what Zipcar is and how it works. **Ms. Perez** said that there are five major benefits from using Zipcar:

- Financial Savings for members
- Fewer cars on the road
- Increased alternatives uses of transportation, including bicycles and public transit
- Less land used for parking
- Fewer miles driven per year

Ms. Perez described the reservation process, and mentioned that business members get discounted rates.

Ms. Perez answered several questions from the group, including about:

- The reservation process, and things that can potentially interfere with it
- Zipcar locations, and how many cars are in Montgomery County
- How to get a Zipcar at a property
- Environmental concerns
- Cost

After the teleconference ended, **Sandra Brecher** mentioned that in the County's view, using public funds to pay for a private company's services needs to be done very carefully, and any private sector car sharing company that the County ultimately does business with would have to go out to bid.

Item 6 – Debrief: Budget Priorities Meeting with CE: **Andrew Wexler** briefed the committee on the budget priorities meeting with the County Executive.

Item 7 – TMD/DOT/Other County Updates: **Terrie O'Steen** reported that we expected 42 Annual Reports, and we received 42 Annual Reports. Ms. O'Steen also mentioned that there will be a much more streamlined process next year, when TMP reporting will be online.

Ms. Brecher reported a decrease in ridership on Ride On. This was the first decrease in a long time, but there were 2 fewer work days this year than in January, 2008. SmarTrip usage has increased to approximately 1/3 of total ridership. This is due in part to the elimination of paper transfers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.
Next meeting date: March 12, 2009

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Attendance Sheet
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Voting Members (12)			
Name	Affiliation	Present	Absent
Chamber Members (3)			
Samantha Mazo	Linowes and Blocher LLP	X	
James S. Polk, Chairman	Technology Service Corporation	X	
Tom Collins	Atlantech Online	X	
Citizens Advisory Board Members (3)			
Edward Furgol	Kemp Mill, Four Corners, East SS	X	
Charles Segerman, Vice Chairman	North & West Sector Plan Area		X
Andy Wexler	CBD Resident	X	
TMD Employers less than 50 employees (3)			
Julian Leidman (pending replacement)	Small Business Representative		X
Suvita Melehy	Melehy & Associates		X
Cathy Wilde	Solid Waste Assoc of North America	X	
TMD Employers with 50 or more employees (3)			
G. Michael Price	Discovery Communications	X	
Robin Goudy	Social & Scientific Systems	X	
Vacant			
Non-Voting Members (4)			
Sandra Brecher, DOT Transit Services	DOT Director or Designee	X	
Chuck Kines	M-NCPPC		X
Sergeant Thomas Harmon	Montgomery County Police	X	
Staff			
Terrie O'Steen	DOT, Commuter Services	X	
David Kantor	DOT, Commuter Services		X
Jim Carlson	DOT, Commuter Services	X	
Guests			
Ellice Perez (Teleconference)	Zipcar	X	
Mel Tull	SS Regional Services Center	X	